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A Valuable Permanent Record

BY getting into the permanent record the sworn testimony of engineering experts, company officials, and more or less able critics, the hearing before the special master is worth a good deal to this city. The water problem is the greatest question of municipal management that we are called upon to solve at this time. It would be well if the whole record in this case could be printed for the use of the general public. Aside from becoming more and more important as a problem in municipal supply and government, the water question will certainly become a political issue and a very bitter one in the near future.

This hearing is bringing out more information than was ever available before. The present difficulties of the water company will almost certainly result in a substantial raise of rates to consumers regardless of how the present litigation ends. A higher rate would not be so strongly objected to by the people of this city provided an abundant supply of pure, soft water be given. It is a permanent, right settlement that is wanted by the people of this city no less than by the water company, but fair discussion and business methods must prevail; there is no need to get angry and spiteful over the matter.

It is not a surprise that the chief justice of New Mexico should come out flatfooted as a prohibitionist. Most judicial decisions point to all judges as "dry."

Farmers Lay Aside Prejudice

ABOUT one year ago the farmers of Bexar county, Texas, in the neighborhood of San Antonio, were putting themselves on record as opposed to the "dry farming" propaganda on the ground that the movement would tend to prejudice people against the state and discourage settlers from coming in. Today the Bexar county farmers' institute is in session at the San Antonio chamber of commerce, and the chief subject under discussion is "Practical dry farming in all its phases." A number of conservative dry farmers will address the feelings and a very large attendance is expected.

It is realized now even by the farmers in the rain belt of this country that the so-called dry farming methods can be applied equally well in a rainfall country in order to prevent the losses that so often result from prolonged drouths during the growing season.

Stock certificates, bonds, notes, mortgages, etc., are not "property" or "personal property," but are merely evidences of part ownership in property located somewhere and taxed where located. Every tax on so-called personal property which includes tax on paper evidences of the ownership of property is a double or triple tax and is unjust and impractical. The only tax which can be equitably assessed is the tax upon tangible things, principally upon land values.

Bring the System Up To Date

THE \$80,000 deficit in the public school fund suggests the propriety of a thorough revision of the entire accounting system of the city and county departments. The business of local government has multiplied enormously in the last few years and the amount of money handled now by the various branches of the local government amounts to approximately \$1,000,000 annually. The system in vogue has not kept pace with the tremendous growth of the city. No well managed private corporation would tolerate the loose methods that prevail in some of the governmental departments.

Without impugning in the slightest degree any dishonest motives or acts to any employee, it is nevertheless true that a degree of carelessness and looseness prevails here and there that makes it almost impossible to keep track of the small receipts and expenditures.

The United States census bureau has worked out very thoroughly a system of accounting for large cities. It would be a good thing if El Paso city and county should pattern their accounting system after that which has been found practical and adequate in the big cities of the country.

The legislature would revise El Paso's charter to authorize an appointive school board, if the city council should request it. There is every reason why this action should be taken at the next session of the legislature. The present elective system is a farce and gives rise to every kind of political corruption. Appointment of the school board by the mayor would go further than any other one thing to solve our problem of public school management.

Humane Treatment For Dogs

THERE should be a change in the business of catching and executing stray dogs before the work is undertaken this year. The cruel methods practiced in the past should not be tolerated. Dogs can't help being dogs. If their owners neglect to tag them properly it is necessary for the city to execute them, but their capture and execution should be humane.

How true it is, The Herald cannot say, but it is told that it took an hour and a half to put the dogs to death by sulphur last year when the pound men executed a batch of them and that in many instances, the quivering bodies of dying animals were allowed to lie in the pit for hours after that, all life not extinct.

It is necessary to rid the streets of so many worthless canines, but it is not necessary to be inhumane about their execution if they are not redeemed.

Another point: It is announced that all dogs must be muzzled on the first of next month or they will be impounded. This is useless. The muzzle is more apt to cause dogs to become vicious than if they were left alone, able to get water and food at will. And the muzzling is ineffectually done in so many cases that the general aim of the order—the protection of the public—is lost.

A great deal of inhumanity is practiced in El Paso, on horses, mules and dogs, and the humane society is going to be rejuvenated and made more active and effective. The city should give its aid by reforming the dog catching system.

If anybody has had an idea that Tucson, Ariz., was going to allow herself to be sidetracked, the mistake ought to be apparent now in the determined way in which Tucson has gone to work to build that railroad connection with the Southern Pacific west coast lines in Mexico. In a few weeks Tucson will celebrate the occasion of her direct connection with the golf seaports. Regardless of what plans the Southern Pacific may have to put another main line through by way of Phoenix, Tucson will always be an important commercial city by reason of being the junction point with the Mexico west coast line.

UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

WERE questioning the distant stars, to lay their secrets bare; do human beings live on Mars? Is Saturn round or square? We dig into the mystery of all the universe, not knowing if results will be a blessing or a curse. When I was but a little lad, as beautiful as art, when all the world was young and glad, I played about the yard, and saw the birds in joyous flight, the gorgeous flowers in bloom; then all the days were passing bright, and night gave naught of gloom. One day, while resting 'neath a tree, to dodge the noontide heat, a wondrous bird camped down by me, upon the garden seat. I was not satisfied to gaze upon its wings of gauze; I felt that I its form must raise, and hold it in my paws. I was not satisfied to view the beauties from afar; I was like grown up people who must dig into a star. And so I seized it—deed of shame! And there was none to check! And then a streak of lightning came, and hit me in the neck. They put me in my little bed, and doped and poulticed me; "that little bird," my grandma said, "was but a bumble bee."

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With The Exchanges

PRESERVES AND PIE.

From Austin Statesman.
Hon. Cecil Lyon has leased a hunting preserve in Mexico, but still runs his political pie counter in Texas.

LET THE WORK CONTINUE.

From Hagerman (N. M.) Messenger.
Another big pumping irrigation project is stirring up interest in New Mexico. The people of Espanola are determined to irrigate 10,000 acres by such means and 3000 acres of that amount have already been subscribed by farmers of that place.

OH! PICKLES.

From Tombstone (Ariz.) Prospector.
The Los Angeles trade boosters passed Fairbank early this morning for Bismarck and Douglas, remaining but an hour at each place. The excursionists missed one of the real pleasures of their Arizona journey when they neglected to come to the only Tombstone. We feel mean enough about it to slap them on the wrists.

TO SHELVE OTHERS.

From Las Cruces (N. M.) Citizen.
Texas has had enough of men like Tom Campbell, and should do with him as Mississippi did with Vardaman and Arkansas is going to do with Jeff Davis—shelve him.—El Paso Herald.

Yes, and there are men in other states and in this territory that have run the gauntlet of their usefulness and will be accorded similar treatment.

FRANK'S GOOD LUCK.

From Tucson (Ariz.) Citizen.
Frank Strome, tramp in real life, has been one of the Valverde ranch, near El Paso, Texas, for saving the life of Helen Jennings, daughter of the owner. Such news should be suppressed. If openings of this kind are to be suppressed, it may disrupt the ranks of the workers, who now find it hard to get the price of a small slab of ranch products by working regularly.

EVERYBODY NEEDS THE HERALD.

From Dalhart (Tex.) News.
Miss Ruth Childress, who is representing Dalhart in The El Paso Herald subscription contest, is making strides toward winning the fine automobile. She spent a day or so in Guaymas last week and secured a number of new subscribers for The Herald. With push and the proper support of the Dalhart people, she will be an easy winner and one more auto will be brought to Dalhart. Support your candidate, the subscription price is not high and everybody needs The Herald in their home.

HEARST AND THE UNDERTAKER.

From Phoenix (Ariz.) Republican.
The fact has just leaked out at this place of the narrow escape made by William Randolph Hearst, the well known millionaire publisher and national politician, who a few days ago crossed the line over in Mexico at Nogales, of encountering a deadly parallel.

William Burton, the local undertaker, a few days ago, desiring some stationery printed, went to the Free Press office and in order to make the effect of his letter and bill heads more effective he thought that the picture of a hearse would not be out of place. The matter was taken up with the management and they ordered the desired bill by mail. A few days ago the bill arrived and the forms were set up to print the stationery, when it was noticed that the cut was not showing up well. The proof was taken to the editor, who looked at it in a very critical manner over the top of his glasses. He confessed that he could find no wheels. He ordered more "squeeze" on the line and then it began to dawn upon the printer that something was wrong. Another proof—and the clean cut, boyish countenance of William Randolph Hearst came out at the head of the undertaker's stationery. It is to remain there, however. Mr. Burton has no particular dislike for Mr. Hearst, but simply can't use him in his business.

14 Years Ago To-day

(From The Herald of this date, 1896)
JIM CLIFFORD TEMPORARY MAYOR.
HOT ASHES CAUSE A FIRE.
Frank Anderson, who with Joe Hampson is engaged in constructing a railroad from Mexico City to Acapulco, is in the city today. He says they have reached the summit 50 miles from Mexico City and have completed the line six miles to Cuernavaca.
Hot ashes set fire to a barrel in the rear of M. Almsa's residence on Mesa avenue at 1:30 this morning. The fire department was called but the fire was extinguished without throwing any water.
A new bass drummer has joined the McGinties. He was formerly with the "Pair of Kids" company.
Rev. Lum Chow, pastor of the Chinese mission in El Paso, spoke to the Y. M. C. A. last night on the Chinese work in this city.
Judge W. M. Caldwell has secured a verdict in the county court against the International Smelting company for \$250 attorney's fees.

UNIQUE RALLY OF THE BOYS, GIRLS AND WOMEN JOIN

ROSSELL PROHIBITIONISTS VEGETABLES GROWN NEAR FORT

Roswell, N. M., March 24.—The ratification mass meeting of the Citizens' No License complete city ticket, headed by Dr. George T. Veal for mayor, was held last night at the armory, in which nearly 1000 men, women and children took part and voted unanimously.

The band of the New Mexico Military Institute played on the streets and marched to the armory, where hundreds of women, headed by ministers, marched around and paraded the aisles of the armory, singing, "Onward, Christians." There were many boys and girls with banners on their breasts: "Vote for me," "Vote for us," "Vote right," etc.

Dr. Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, formerly of Washington, D. C., gave the opening prayer. Many prominent citizens, including lawyers, physicians, ministers, police judge and business men, were on the platform.

Dr. Veal, the No License majority candidate, gave a clear statement of his policy, as did ex-attorney General W. C. Reid, who is the nominee of the No License people for alderman from the Second ward. Reid, who acknowledged that he was a Republican, scathingly attacked the Democrats and the platform of this party in the forthcoming municipal election.

The last speaker was C. J. Hall, known as "the California wizard," whom the No License party had to address the meeting. It is said by enthusiasts that prohibition in Roswell will carry no one.

ALTITUDE OF MEXICO AEROPLANE MAN GOES TO COAST TOO HIGH FOR FLIGHTS

Mexico City, Mex., March 24.—Alberto Branniff, the Mexican aviator, has abandoned his experiments here and shipped his aeroplane to Veracruz. Branniff never succeeded in flying high nor in staying long in the air. He brought buzzards here from Veracruz and turned them loose. They invariably made short flights and close to the ground. Half the birds died upon alighting. This proved, Branniff says, the impossibility of flying in this high altitude.

FLOWER CARNIVAL

GREAT SPRING FESTIVALS IN MANY STATES.

IN the past few years flower festivals have become increasingly popular, and each season finds new cities added to the list of those already noted for their efforts in this direction. It is not strange that southern California, with its glorious sunshine and ever blossoming plants should lead in these festivals. Pasadena, tucked snugly away in the foothills, has become famous for its festivals on New Year's day, at which time it is a mecca for fugitives from Jack Frost in the east and north.

The Pasadena festival is divided into three parts, the parade in the early afternoon, the races directly following, and a grand ball in the evening. The parade is often over a mile long, each carriage, automobile and float being actually buried under its load of flowers, of every kind and hue.

Sixty thousand violets and 5000 carnations have been used in decorating a single float in one of these parades. Hardly less of an attraction is the chariot race, which is a careful reproduction of those held in Rome and Athens.

Los Angeles Festival.
The Los Angeles festival is held in the spring and usually lasts about a week. The name, La Fiesta de las Flores, is its title to every respect. A parade of which Los Angeles people ever be proud was that in which President and Mrs. McKinley occupied the place of honor. Their carriage was decorated with 10,000 white carnations, and the horses and harness were spotless white.

The choosing of the queen of the carnival is an important social event. A feature of the Los Angeles floral parade is the memory of the visit of the Chinese dragon, always proudly displayed by numerous sons of Chinatown. This is a work of art, being hand embroidered and measuring 500 feet.

Santa Clara Blossoms.
The festival in the Santa Clara valley deserves a place by themselves. Here the white blossoms of the plum tree and the delicate pink of the peach bloom form a perfect sea of beauty for about two weeks in the spring. The festival commences in the little foothill village of Saratoga, where the first wave of bloom begins, and as the wave sweeps on down the valley, each little village takes its turn at celebrating "blossom day."

The principal feature is a drive through the blossom covered streets, where young girls bombard each passing vehicle with flowers. Decorated carriages and victors are treated to a service and most beautiful spectacle. As it depends upon the season, the date of the event fluctuates, the earliest it has been celebrated being March 18, and the latest April 4.

Mexico Customs.
As a sharp contrast to these days of pleasure in California is the custom carried out in Mexico on All Saint's day. The cemeteries are filled with people who camp out covering the graves of their departed with floral tokens, and afterwards eating picnic luncheons on the "dead tables" spread for the occasion.

The day is not intended to be one of pleasure, but it nevertheless assumes that aspect for those who see it for the first time.

Promptly at noon on the 7th of last June, president Taft pressed the button which officially opened the third annual rose festival at Portland, Ore., and the reign of the rose king began. The festival lasted six days, and was turned into a time of general merrymaking.

Automobile, horse and "spirit of the west" parades vie with one another in their splendor. In all the parades the vehicles and floats were beautifully decorated with blooms, while Portland further showed its ability to raise a beautiful roses in a competitive exhibit, which was held in the California building at the fair grounds. A few days previous to the opening of the festival, a bouquet, made up of the choicest roses to be found in the "rose city," was sent to Washington to be presented to the president by senators Bourne and Chamberlain shortly before he pressed the button.

Wild Flower Excursions.
On account of its myriad of wild flowers, Colorado has a continual festival that is provided by nature. In Utah, pass, and in many other regions, great meadows are covered with brilliant, primitive blossoms. During the summer the railroads run weekly "wild flower excursions" for the benefit of the tourists. Open observation cars are used and frequent stops are made in order that the passengers may gather flowers and take pictures.

As far distant as is Asbury Park from New Orleans, both as to miles and social customs, the annual festival in the great resort is a growth of the Mardi Gras idea. Asbury Park terminates each season with a grand carnival, with queen, titans and princely charming, and is surrounded by their court of beauty. On this occasion the baby parade forms the principal feature, and the walks are lined with thousands of people who cheer as the tots go by.

Mark Twain said on one occasion: "We haven't all had the good fortune to be women, but we've all been babies." The baby parade at Asbury Park is indeed a great event—an occasion when all grownups are merely "wall flowers."

The flower festival has reached even Jones street. Probably Jones street has as unfamiliar sound, but, situated between Fourth and Bleeker streets, west of 18th avenue in New York city, it houses 1700 souls and bears the reputation of having but two seasons—winter and summer.

The last year a new order was ushered in, and in the middle of May a spring festival was held. Here Robin Hood and his merry men held sway, the brown dromes cavorted to their heart's content, and the daffodils and fairies danced and wound the May pole. And above all there were actual flowers, wreaths and wands. Besides the festivals of California, it might fade into insignificance, but to Jones street it was as magnificent as a carnival of the gods.

Japan Carnivals.
Japan, with its flower calendar, is always observing some festival or other. The coming of the cherry blossom is the call for old writing and the carnival spirit. The chrysanthemum is the national emblem. The Danzou city, Tokio is the florists' section, and there the annual chrysanthemum show is held.

This usually consists of acres of magnificent blossoms, with a few historical and legendary episodes pictured in the blooms, but after the Russo-Japanese war all this was changed, and the show ground assumed the aspect of a huge battlefield. Everywhere were set pieces showing life-size soldiers, engaged in mortal combat with their enemies. The show continued for two months, the flowers being kept in a perfect condition by being planted in bamboo skeletons and watered each night.

While it was not exactly a flower festival, the feast of liberty held in Beirut and other cities in Turkey in 1908, in celebration of the victory of the young Turks, was the most remarkable demonstration in the history of that country. For three days the people of the cities went wild. "Freedom" was the cry on every lip, the streets and houses were gaily decorated with bunting and flowers, and inscriptions of a startling character were to be seen in conspicuous places. For the first time in 31 years public gatherings were permitted, and everywhere there were to be found groups of Turks, each with its own speechmaker. Enemy words, and enemy, and the word freedom was hurled about as if it had been just coined.

Canadian Celebration.
In the province of Quebec, and in Montreal especially, the procession of Corpus Christi is an event of considerable importance. This was first begun by pope Urban in Italy about 1262, because of a miracle that was performed. Since that time it has become the great open air celebration of the Roman Catholic church.

The parade is made up of the various congregations, religious societies, children from the orphan asylums, little girls dressed for their first communion, nuns, theologians and monks. The highest dignitaries of the church, one of whom carries the golden osensorium containing the host, walk under a gorgeous canopy. At the end of the march is a repositir embowered in a mass of flowers and green.

Hawaii is a land of fair skies and gorgeous flowers. It is so favored in this respect that Honolulu may be said to have a perpetual flower festival. The visitor upon arriving or departing is decorated with wreaths of brilliant blossoms. The native dancing girls wear garlands instead of jewels, landscape, sometimes hidden behind a veil of clouds, flashes with many hues of color when the view is cleared. The ocean becomes more frequented by those in quest of the novel and the beautiful, it will not be surprising if Honolulu becomes the scene of the greatest flower carnival in the world. It has only to realize upon its natural advantages to produce the premier celebration of this kind.

Tomorrow—The Circus is Coming.

City Physician Protests and Mayor Tells Him to Destroy All Such Vegetables Brought to the City—Sub-Police Station to Be Built at the Highland Park Fire House—Busy Morning for the Councilmen.

Mayor Sweeney's return to the city was the signal for a lightning speed council meeting this morning and a barrel full of routine matters were disposed of in a session which lasted exactly 55 minutes.

City health officer Anderson reported that there is a Chinaman on the government reservation raising vegetables and using water from the septic tank there for irrigation. This is considered dangerous, and would suggest that the matter be taken up with the federal authorities. I took it up with the present commandant but he stated that his authority is only temporary and he cannot force the man to move.

Mayor Sweeney said: "You can destroy all dangerous vegetables brought into the city and might want the authorities at the post against permitting him to sell to the soldiers."

Volney M. Brown reported that the Wilcox case had resulted in a hung jury after 13 days trial, the jury standing 10 to 2 for the defendant.

Express Wagon Stand.
Alderman Blumenthal recommended the selection of West Franklin street from North Santa Fe street to Buchanan street as a stand for express wagons. This was adopted.

Alderman Robinson reported the existence of a ditch in East El Paso built within the last year and reported it interferes with no one except in East Overland street.

"I have been unable to learn who built the ditch, but think it may be able to do so, and have the crossing properly fixed so it will not be a nuisance," he said.

Robinson reported that he had given instructions to continue sprinkling on East Overland and Nevada streets.

A request was made by the Pike Adding Machine company, that the machine in the office of the city assessor be purchased or returned. The machine is used by city assessor Behr, city engineer Todd and auditor Joseph M. Mearns. Clayton was authorized to investigate the necessity for the machine and purchase it if required.

Express wagon drivers petitioned that the tax on express wagons be eliminated or decreed to \$2.00 per month.

Alderman Clayton recommended that the petition be denied, saying, "The purpose of this ordinance was to weed out the undesirable and the better class should ask for an increase rather than decrease."

Electric Signs.
Petitions for electric signs to be erected on the following places were granted: H. B. Thompson, Herald building; Ward's Pharmacy, 109 San Antonio street, two signs; Mrs. L. M. Phillips, 314 South El Paso street; A. E. Ryan, 212 San Antonio street; C. A. Stewart, 313 Texas street.

Alderman Hewitt recommended the location of electric lights at Kansas and River at Campbell and Cliff, and the removal of a lamp from Campbell and River to Campbell and California.

Police Station.
Mr. Hewitt said: "It has been suggested to me that it would be well to establish a detention police station at the Highland park fire station and place a cell there to keep a grisoner over night when necessary." This was referred to Mr. Hewitt for action.

Delay Plumbing Ordinance.
The ordinance which Alderman Maloney objected to some parts of it and it was laid on the table with the understanding that mayor Sweeney, alderman Hewitt, inspector Maloney and assistant city attorney Brown will go over the ordinance Monday to make investigations.

Paving Accepted.
City engineer R. H. Todd reported the acceptance of the paving of South Oregon street from Second street to Seventh street. This shows \$3034.30 due on this estimate. The contract was let under the rate of \$1.875 per yard, but it was constructed under the rate of \$1.775 per yard. The report was approved and the clerk authorized to draw a warrant to cover the amount due.

The city engineer also reported that the paving on Texas street, from Newman street to Union avenue, where two pieces had not been paved at the time the other paving was done has since been completed. This report was approved and also a bill for \$254 for the work.

Complaint Against Pfaff.
Mayor Sweeney instructed the city clerk to notify city attorney to file a complaint against Henry Pfaff for maintaining a nuisance in front of his Texas street property where he has failed to pave or put down sidewalks.

It was reported that \$347.83 is due for the construction of the North Oregon street storm sewer, which was approved. However, this is not a final estimate.

Alderman Blumenthal reported that he had instructed the chief of police to build a covered lot for the court for storing recovered property, this to cost \$25.

Petitions.
A petition from G. H. Watkins et al for sewer extensions in block 79, Franklin Heights, and block 6, Golden Hill, was denied.

Ware and Ware for the Guaranty Trust company, asked for a reduction of taxes from \$180,000 to \$125,000. The petition was referred to the taxation committee.

R. H. Smith, complaining of alleged blocking of Octavia street by the G. H. railroad, presented a petition which was referred to the police committee.

Sewer Work.
City sewer commissioner J. W. Hadlock's weekly report showed 125 feet of sewer, 10 feet, 6 inches deep, 10 feet wide at top, constructed, connecting Park Pitman's residence on Golden Hill; eight plugged sewers examined; 30 manholes and flush tanks cleaned; and 20 yds. of sewer pipe laid. The report showed \$1885 collected for y connections made during the year.

Health Report.
The report of city health officer W. H. Anderson for the week showed a total of 26 deaths, 10 being Americans, 14 Mexicans, two Chinese. Three births were reported, all being Mexicans, one being a male and two females. The cases of contagious diseases reported existing are, whooping cough, 50; measles, two; measles 110; typhoid fever two; chicken-pox four. One case of scarlet fever was reported after this report was made.

During the week 56 patients were treated at the hospital; 25 at their homes, while inspections were made of 197 meat markets; 115 dairies; 26 slaughter houses; 262 cattle; 16 hogs; 60 calves; 32 sheep. During the week 67 pounds of meat and one hog were condemned. There were also 420 vaccinations and 49 fumigations.

LETTERS To the HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will not be published where such request is made.)

THAT "PLAY" GROUND.

Editor El Paso Herald:
Improvements are now far advanced by way of grass and trees at the Lamar school "play" ground that the boys have been prohibited from playing their favorite game—"baseball"—as they must keep off the grass.

Did it ever occur to the well meaning woman that from a boy's standpoint, trees and flowers are expected in the front yard, but don't properly belong to a play ground, where boys are expected to play?

However, the women are satisfied and that ends it.

Gama.

CHARLES CLARK'S ARREST.

Editor Herald:
Concerning my arrest on Saturday, I will say Brown, one of the deputy constables, arrested me after 6 o'clock on Saturday last, and when justice McClintock was not in his office to account a bond. I was released and told to come back on Monday morning at 9 or 10 o'clock, but I had not returned to my room but a few minutes until Brown and Hinkley came to my room and arrested me. I was taken to jail when it was not possible to give a bond.

Charles Clark.

Be sure to get the best. Ask your grocery for Gulf Refining Co.'s coal oil and gasoline.